

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:

BJARNASON

Serial No.: 09/411,688

Group Art Unit: 1651

Filed: October 12, 1999

Examiner: Unknown

Title: FISH SERINE PROTEINASES AND THEIR PHARMACEUTICAL
AND COSMETIC USE

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January 7, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining this Divisional application on the merits, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments to the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly insert the following new paragraph into page 1 of the specification, immediately below the title.

--This application claims the benefit of prior U.S. application 09/411,688, filed October 12, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. Priority is also claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119/365 to Application No 5086/99, filed in Iceland on June 18, 1999, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--